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Kingdom* 365

mundualds (mundiales). *Terraticum* (a tax of one tenth on crops) shall not be paid except on these grains, corn, barley, and millet. *Fodrum* (sustenance) and aid shall only be given by the consent of the tenants and for service with the Crown. The burden of castle-guard at the Rocca di Bantra is to be lightened. A judge shall not be chosen at Sant' Angelo except for the *castrum* itself and he shall judge according to Lombard law by the counsel of the *boni homines* of the place. He shall also take a solemn oath on the Holy Gospel that he will judge according to the same law and the customs of the place, and never turn aside from justice either for love or hate, or money or reward. This is done in accordance with the demand of King William of glorious memory who wished that it might be.

Below the tenants of this kind came the serfs and villeins of the agricultural system, living not in the populous *oppida* but in villages and on manors (*in mllis et casalibus*). In the villein class of the Norman kingdom might be read the history of Southern Italy through seven hundred years, of race after race thrust down into a common servitude. Their designation in the various

districts is now Lombard, now Latin,
now Greek,
now Arabic, *aldii cortisani*, *angararii*,
adscriptitii,
metochii, *xcEpotxot*, *rigidl el gardid*.
Upon the
cultivators called by these names were
imposed
military service along with defence and
the upkeep
of the lord's castle, various dues in
money and